GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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NEW FOOD POLICY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether only three States viz., Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal have responded to New Food Policy;

(b) if so, the factors responsible for not responding to the New Food Policy;

(c) whether the Government are thinking of formulating a uniform food policy which may be acceptable to all the States;

(d) if so, when and the highlights of the revised policy; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) The State Governments of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal have started procurement of foodgrains under the Decentralised Scheme of procurement.

(b) The other States are not in a position to undertake the scheme for want of infrastructural facilities, financial constraints, deficit production of foodgrains, etc.

(c),(d) & (e) : A High Level Committee to formulate a long term grain policy for the country has been constituted. The terms of Reference of the said committee include matters relating to Minimum Support Price and price support operations, functioning of Public Distribution System policy regarding buffer stocks, Open Market Intervention and Export/Import, allocation of foodgrains for rural development programmes and other welfare programmes and FCI related issues, which also include the scope for reduction in the economic cost of foodgrains.